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In re Application of:

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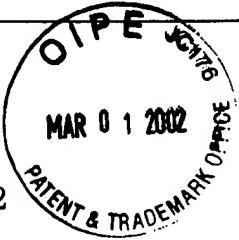
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month, through and including February 4, 2002, to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2001. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Response and Amendment for which this extension is requested

is filed herewith.

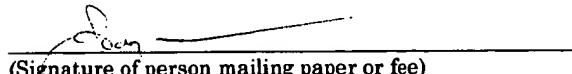
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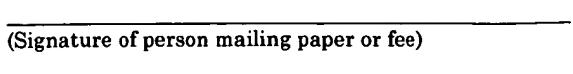
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The response is the filing of a continuing application on the same date hereof, and the abandonment of this application is expressly conditioned on the granting of a filing date for the continuing application.

Applicant is

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The extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5) is calculated below:

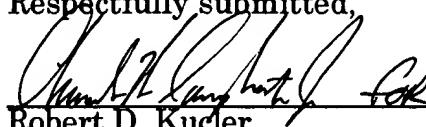
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Fee:	\$[amount]	\$55.00

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$55.00 to cover the extension of time fee for one month.

The Director is authorized to charge the \$[amount] extension fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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